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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 07/29/2010.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6, 7-13, AND 14, renumbered as 1-6,8-14, and 7 respectively.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
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6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other ____.

/Z. B./
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Dan Polglaze on 08/08/2010.

Please amend claims 1 and 7 as indicated below. The following listing of claims will replace all prior version and listing of claim 1 and 7 in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A method of routing a message to a load-balancing element, conveyed in stream through a point-to-point connection to a load balancing element, to one of a plurality of available processing systems each connected to the load-balancing element by separate point-to-point connections, comprising at the load-balancing element: extracting ~~the message from the a stream~~ a message conveyed in the stream through a point-to-point connection to a load balancing element; detecting in the extracted message the presence of a destination identifier identifying one of a plurality of the available processing systems each connected to the load-balancing element by separate point-to-point connections; and where the presence of the destination identifier is detected, forwarding the message to the processing system identified thereby via the appropriate connection; otherwise detecting in the extracted message a message identifier for identifying related messages; searching a database of message identifiers for which no destination identifiers were detected, the database having information indicating to which one of the available processing systems each such message having no destination identifier was forwarded; determining a destination processing system for processing the message; inserting into the message an identifier identifying the determined destination

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processing system; and forwarding the message to the processing system via the appropriate connection.

7. (Currently Amended) A load-balancing element ~~for routing a message conveyed in a stream through a point-to-point connection to one of a plurality of available processing systems each connected to the load-balancing element by separate point-to-point connections, comprising at the load-balancing element:~~ a message processor for extracting the from a stream a message conveyed in the stream through a point-to-point connection to the load-balancing element ~~from the stream~~; a message analyzer for detecting in the received message the presence of a destination identifier identifying one of ~~the a plurality of available processing systems each connected to the load-balancing element by separate point-to-point connections~~ and the presence of a message identifier for identifying related messages; a database for storing details of message identifiers for which no destination identifier was detected along with information indicating to which of the available processing systems each such message having no destination identifier was forwarded; and a message forwarder for forwarding the message, via the appropriate connection, to the processing system identified by the destination identifier if the presence of a destination identifier is detected, and to a processing system to which a related message was forwarded if the presence of a destination identifier is not detected and the message identifier is contained in the database.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-14 are allowed.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ZEWDU BEYEN whose telephone number is (571)270-7157. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00am-6:00pm, M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Huy Vu can be reached on 571-272-3155. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Examiner, Art Unit 2461

/Huy D Vu/

Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 2461